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To the Public Safety Committee,

As a life time citizen of Connecticut and a firm believer in our Constitutional rights, I would hope that you would have the integrity to abide by the oath you took when you were sworn into office in regards to not doing anything to harm the Constitution. If you vote for HB6656 you are serving the wants and desires of a few while desecrating the Constitutional rights of all, including thousands and thousands of law abiding gun owners.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/01/bashid-mclean-poses-with-mother-tanya-byrd-photo_n_2791325.html?utm_hp_ref=fb&src=sp&comm_ref=false

The above article is just one example that illustrates the plain fact that if you are crazy and/or evil, not having a gun is not going to stop you.

Furthermore, if you are crazy and/or evil and you DO have a gun in which you use to commit a crime, chances are that it is NOT registered, just as most police will tell you and the following news article informs us :

<http://www.theday.com/article/20130310/NWS01/303109940/1018#.UT1BMCvX8Tc.facebook>

Finally, and most importantly you are removing the opportunity for law-abiding people to defend themselves against mortal danger, assault, rape, home invasion etc. This ex-Marine is a wonderful example of how things ought to operate in a free society:

<http://fox6now.com/2013/03/12/marine-with-concealed-carry-permit-stops-man-from-beating-woman/>

As a rape survivor I wish that I had owned a gun 21 years ago. If I had, I would have saved myself a very long and difficult recovery process and furthermore, I'd bet that my attacker would've thought twice before he tried it again with another woman.

If a lot more law-abiding citizens were properly educated about guns, trained and owned them it would be a significant deterrent to a lot of criminals and it would empower an awful lot of people to prevent a situation where they unwillingly become a victim.

Two years ago my elderly father was held-up at gun-point getting out of his car right in front of his own home. The two young men who were trying to mug him got the shock of their lives when my pro-active father pulled a long sword out of the back seat! (yes, I know...a bit extreme and I even made fun of him for that sword until he actually used it to potentially save his life!) The two thugs ran away, my father used his cell to call 9-1-1 and there just happened to be a canine unit right around the corner. The dog found the two young men and they were both arrested. One of them had just been released from a prison stint for the sale of crack-cocaine one week prior to this incident. My point is, that this "hardened convict and drug dealer" was really just a wimpy bully when it came down to it. We need to protect our right to defend ourselves if we so choose. In this case the police just happened to be around the corner but generally speaking police get to a scene AFTER a crime is committed, there is no way for them to PREVENT most crimes from occurring in the first place.

Do not be weak and bullied by the opinion of some misguided and woefully misinformed groups. The truth is, evil and bad things will continue to happen and no law further restricting guns and purchasing is going to discourage a person who is bent on murder. The idea is ludicrous!

Please abide by your oath to protect the Constitution and know that we will not be silenced, no matter what.